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SUBJ: JAPANESE VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT AGREEMENTS

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1. MITI HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH FOLLOWING LIST OF ITEMS WHICH IT SEES AS CURRENTLY UNDER SOME FORM OF EXPORT RESTRAINT REGARDING U.S. MARKET. REASON FOR DELAY IN RESPONSE GIVEN AS EXTREME SENSITIVITY OF THIS TOPIC WITHIN JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS CIRCLES. MITI OFFICIAL WHO SUPPLIED INFORMATION ASKED THAT IT BE KEPT WITHIN U.S. GOVERNMENT, POINTING OUT THAT JAPAN WAS AT PRESENT BEING PRESSED BY EC TO PROVIDE SAME TYPE OF INFORMATION AND WAS RELUCTANT TO DO SO. CONSUMER SUITS IN U.S. HAVE ALSO MADE GOJ SOMEWHAT GUN SHY ON THIS TOPIC. AS RESULT, INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY TELEPHONE AS NECESSARY CLEARANCE COULD NOT BE OBTAINED

2. MITI OFFICIAL POINTED OUT THAT IN JAPANESE VIEW, ALL OF THE VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS ON EXPORTS TO U.S. WERE RESULT OF VARIOUS U.S. PRESSURE. SOME IN FORM OF PRESSURE FROM U.S. INDUSTRY DIRECTLY ON JAPANESE COUNTERPART, SOME TO
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AVOID DUMPING ACTION BY USG, AND SOME AS RESULT OF U.S.

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF SEGEMENT OF U.S.
INDUSTRY. MAJORITY OF CONTROLS ARE POLICED BY
INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATIONS, SOME SUCH AS TILE BY COMBINATION
OF GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY, AND, OF COURSE, TEXTILES
DIRECTLY BY GOVERNMENT.

3. LIST OF ITEMS UNDER EXPORT RESTRAINT AND METHOD:

SPECTACLES -- QUANTITY
BICYCLES -- QUANTITY
SEWING MACHINES -- QUANTITY
STAINLESS STEEL FLATWARE -- QUANTITY
UMBRELLA FRAMES -- QUANTITY
BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL GLOVES -- QUANTITY
TELEVISION SETS -- PRICE
ELECTRIC CALCULATORS -- QUANTITY
MOSAIC TILE -- QUANTITY AND PRICE
WALL TILE -- QUANTITY AND PRICE
TEXTILES -- QUANTITY
STEEL -- QUANTITY
GALVANIZED IRON SHEETS -- QUANTITY
GAS PIPE -- PRICE
FENCE TUBE -- PRICE
SHOVELS AND SCOOPS -- PRICE
SCREW NAILS -- QUANTITY AND PRICE
BEARINGS -- PRICE
DRY CELL BATTERIES -- QUANTITY AND PRICE
ROLLER CHAIN -- PRICE
UREA FERTILIZER -- PRICE
POLYVINYL ALCOHOL -- QUANTITY
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